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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman,
President's Committee on Information Activities
of the Federal Government

SUBJECT: Security Clearances

1. I am sure that, as Chairman of your Committee, you are planning to exercise the normal basic function of an independent committee chairman, insofar as the granting of security clearances to your personnel is concerned. Basically, it is foreseen that personnel working for you will fall in either of two categories: (1) persons designated to your Committee on a part-time or loan basis from other agencies or departments of the government; or (2) personnel employed by your Committee on a full-time basis.

2. Concerning security clearances of representatives of government agencies or departments, it is suggested that certificates of Top Secret clearance be obtained from security officials of the individuals' employing agencies. In order to be completely reassured that your clearance standards have been met, you may desire to arrange for examination of the security files in the various departments. Based upon our experience, I feel sure that you will receive complete cooperation in this connection.

3. This Agency, in order to be of assistance, has conducted security checks concerning 13 persons, who, it is understood, will be assigned to your Committee.

are presently under way and should be completed within the next few days. There is attached a memorandum indicating that we have conducted on the 13 individuals so named national agency name checks and investigations with favorable results, which would serve as the equivalent of permission to have access to Top Secret material of this Agency. It should be noted that the above action should not preclude any additional investigation you may deem necessary. In fact, it is recommended that you request any agency which will give classified information to supply their clearance of your committee staff and secretarial force.

4. In order for you to determine any additional investigation which you may wish to conduct, we will be pleased to make available

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to you or your authorized representative, our complete security files concerning those persons of employment interest to you.

5. It should also be mentioned that Executive Order 9835 requires checks of fingerprints to be made against the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as name checks against the subversive records of that Bureau on all government employees. We have effected checks against the subversive files of the FBI on all of the persons whose names appear on the attached memorandum. These checks are also in process on the 4 individuals named above. The Security Office of this Agency has complete facilities for taking fingerprints. We will be pleased to offer any service in this connection which you may desire.

Attachment

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